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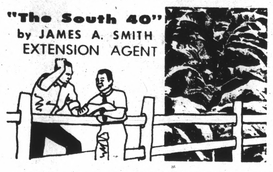

A good rule of thumb for proper management of Alfalfa is "don't mow alfalfa after the last two weeks in September." The critical factor is to permit the alfalfa to make sufficient growth (4-6 inches) after fall mowing to build root reserves going into the winter. After a killing frost, the alfalfa can be grazed or mowed without injuring the stand.

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The long awaited Virginia Pork Industry Handbook is now ready for sale. The handbook is the result of a cooperative effort between USDA, Purdue University, Virginia Tech and Virginia Pork Producers. It now contains 64 fact sheets, others will be added or replaced annually.

Cost is $15.00. If you would like a brochure describing the handbook and order form, it may be picked up from this office.

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Any dealer who is interested in receiving a copy of the 1980 recommended vegetable garden varieties may get a copy by calling this office (352-8244).

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Planting small grains at the correct depth can be critical. Under ideal conditions, the planting depth should be about 1.5 inches. However, the optimum planting depth will vary between one and three inches depending on soil type, soil moisture, and time of year. When soil is dry, seed should be planted slightly deeper so more moisture will be available to the seed. However, planting small grain deeper than 3.0 inches is very risky and can be disasterous. As the planting season progresses, small grains should be planted deeper. This seems contrary to initial thinking. Initially one may reason that as the planting season gets later, moisture will likely be more plentiful and if grain is planted shallow, it will come up quicker and survive better. Such is not the case in most instances. In late fall and early winter the soil is usually warmer at 2 inches deep than a 1 inch deep. Soil freezes from the top down. Planting at 2 inches deep also helps to reduce winter kill from the seed being heaved or pushed out of the soil. Early seedings do not necessarily need to be planted 2 inches deep because the seedlings will have time to develop a good root system that will "anchor" the seedling in the soil.

Planting rate can generally vary over a wide range with little effect on yield because small grains tiller or branch more when stands are thin. However, planting rate becomes more critical as the planting season progresses. When planting late, emergence will be lower, more seedlings will be killed and the plants will have less time to tiller. When planting after the recommended planting periods, seeding rate for the small grains should be increased by approximately 1 pound per day. Increasing the seeding rate will not overcome all the potential problems from late planting, but it should increase one's chances of at least partial success.

PRECIPITATION:
Last Week.....1.44
This Month.....1.52
This Year.....45.87

ROCKS

Believe it or not but some frost on hand.

Farmers started picking corn last week. Better hurry up and get that tobacco in.

A large number from here went to Richmond on Wednesday for the funeral of Mrs. W. Blass Ranson.

Lisa Carrol Mitchel of Appomattox is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mitchell for a leave before going to be stationed in Hawaii.

Miss Christine Dickerson went to the doctor in Lynchburg on Wednesday for a check up. She will go back to work this week.

Congratulations to Ruby Almond who won the Birthday Cake over W.T.T.X on Wednesday.

The Friendship Circle had its October meeting on Tuesday with Mrs. Ruby Almond. New member to join the circle was Mrs. Ruth Caldwell. Also two visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cerqua of Lynchburg were guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen McIntosh of Pamplin on Sunday.

Sympathy is extended the Donald Almond family and relatives. He was a cousin of Joe Almond. He was buried at Concord Methodist Church Saturday morning.

Sorry to hear of the death and short illness of John Lacy Martin of Lynchburg on Friday. He was a member of our church family. He leaves a wife and three children and two sisters, Miss Elvira Martin of Lynchburg and Mrs. Rosa Inge of Farmville. And other close relatives here.

A number will attend the funeral Monday, Oct. 8 in Lynchburg at 11:00.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burrell of Appomattox who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday.

A number attended the shower given Sheila and Thomas Sadler on Saturday night who were married recently.

Lisa Mitchell spent a night last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson.

Mr. John Bohannon, a Gideon Representative of the Farmville Camp was visiting with us at Rocks Church on Sunday and spoke to us about the important work they were doing. An offering was taken for them at the end of the service.

The Associational Annual meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday night, October 18 and 19th at Midway and Providence Churches at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

A number attended the Homecoming at Elon Baptist Church on Sunday and the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of their church.

Bill Caldwell attended the Executive Meeting of the association at Spring Creek Church on last Monday night.

Barry and Teresa Elder and Adrian were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen McIntosh on Sunday night.

JORDAN NEWS

There will be a special program at the Jordan Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. This will be a singing program for the benefit of the NAACP Rally.

The Usher Board Family Talent Program has been changed. It will now be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. This promises to be a very, very special program and we urge everyone to attend.

The Men's Club program will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3:00 p.m. The Silvertone Singers from Farmville will be the special guest.

The Senior Choir will sponsor a plate supper at the Jordan Baptist Church, Sat., Oct. 20 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Come by and get your lunch and supper.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 29 there will be a series of services at the Jordan Baptist Church. Speakers for the week will be: Monday, Rev. Phillip Elliott; Tues, Rev. Hiaram Payne; Wed., Rev. Graham Marshall; Thurs., Rev. Don Lewis; Fri., Rev. Harry Pilson; and Sat., Rev. Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr. There will be a different singing group each night. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday night, Nov. 4, we will again have a Minister's Concert.

Ladie's Club meeting has been postponed.

Railroad Festival Music Schedule

Saturday, October 13	1:00-2:00 p.m. - Traveling Company
	2:00-3:30 p.m. — N & S String Band
	3:30-5:00 p.m. — Lynch Mountain Ramblers
Sunday, October 14:	1:00-2:30 — Traveling Company
	3:00-5:00 p.m. - Piedmont Playboys

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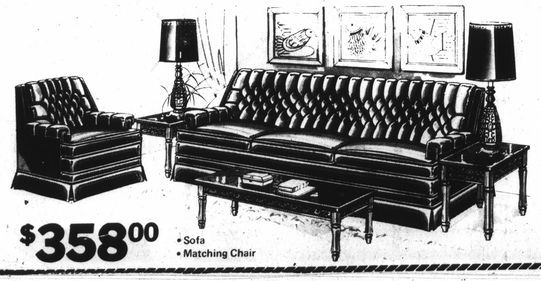

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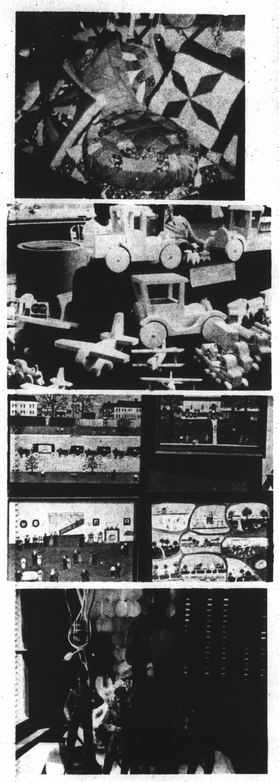

Arts & Crafts Festival In Railroad Festival

Arts and Crafts exhibits have always been an important part of the Railroad Festival. At least seventy artists and craftsmen from throughout Virginia and as far away as North Carolina and Pennsylvania will fill the depot and Main Street with their handmade exhibits and demonstrations.

All types of needlework will be available. Rebecca Leonard will demonstrate techniques involved in stitchery and Cindy Conner will be sewing on her treadle machine.

A variety of woodcrafted items will be exhibited. Emory Robinson will be making his thigmotropic walking sticks and canes. George Ramey and Chuch Hybl will be making personalized signs during the Festival.

Several ceramic exhibits will range from holiday items to civil war figures. Eli Nicola will be painting her ceramics.

Oil paintings will be featured as well as paintings on canvass, felt and wall paper. Gary Nash will be sketching during the festival and Nancy Nelson will be doing her "Punch Pictures".

Estelle Adams will be demonstrating a do-it-yourself method of drying and dyeing flowers for home decorating. Clarence Ryan will demonstrate faceting gemstones and fashioning hand/wrought jewelry.

Raymond Dickerson will be making R. E. Lee pipes and Gilbert Mays will have exhibit of bees in a glass hive. The Longwood Alumni will demonstrate their art by painting clown faces on children and the A.C.H.S. Art Club will be taking pictures of people posing behind painted figures.

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Rachel Austin Assigned To Keesler Air Force Base

Airman Rachel N. Austin, daughter of William A. Napier Jr., of Route 2, Concord, Va., has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, here, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits towards an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized training in the personnel field.

Airman Austin is a 1973 graduate of Rustburg High School, Rustburg, Va.

Her husband, U.S. Air Force Airman Marvin C. Austin, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erman Austin Jr., of Route 2, Concord.

Pamplin Eleme. School Menu

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 11, Hamburgers, baked beans, slaw, fruit, cookie, and milk.

Friday, Oct. 12, Corn dogs, butterbeans, sliced beets, pears, cookie and milk.

National School Lunch Week

Monday, Oct. 15, Fish, French fries, celery sticks, cornbread, butter, sliced peaches and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, Pizza, tossed salad, buttered corn, apple crisp and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 17, Chili w/crackers, pineapple on lettuce, cheese, sliced bread and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 18, Turkey roll w/gravy, whipped potatoes, green lima beans, roll, butter and milk.

Friday, Oct. 19, Pork burgers, fried apples, green peas, buttered whole potatoes, biscuits and milk.

Monday, Oct. 22, Chuckwagon steak, french fries, sliced tomatoes and onions, fruit, cookie and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, Fish, macaroni and cheese, slaw, jello, cookie, rolls and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, Corn Dogs, pork and beans, tossed salad, cake w/topping and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 25, Chicken Noodle Soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, celery stock, fruit and milk.

Friday, Oct. 26, Pizza, green beans, pears, cookie, potatoe chips and milk.

Monday, Oct. 29, Pork burgers, baked beans, apple sauce, cookie, biscuits and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, Turkey, buttered corn, green peas, rolls, butter and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, Chuckwagon, green beans, whipped potatoes, fruit w/jello, rolls and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 1, Hot dogs, french fries, slaw, fruit cocktail and milk.

Friday, Nov. 2, Tomato soup, cheese sandwich, potato chips, orange slices and milk.

Railroad Festival Activity

The Appomattox FFA Chapter in cooperation with Virginia Fibre are sponsoring a cross-cut sawing contest on Saturday, October 13, from 12 to 2 p.m. as part of the Railroad Day Festivities. It will be held at the parking lot next to Marshall's Dept. Store.

The prizes are as follows:

1st place - 50 silver dollars/team
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